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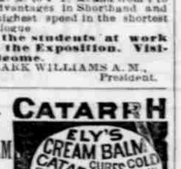


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# MIRIAM.

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"I only wish to see them a moment," he apologized to a hint of conscience, "and Miriam wouldn't care."

The two little ebony cases contained jewels also, as well as the more pretentious casket, but whether they were the property of Miriam or not he had no means of finding out. They were very costly, however, and must have been prized very much by the happy possessor, whoever it might have been, Allan thought, as he held up to the light an exquisitely wrought bracelet, with little forget-me-nots clustered at the fastening.

"These shall be her wedding present from the Hall," he said to himself, sarcastically. Then he dropped them, shimmering in the light wandering through the white dimity curtain, as if they had been serpents.

"What if they carry the malediction of our infernal old ancestor?" he questioned, half aghast at the mental suggestion; "every thing about the cursed place, I verily believe, bears the brand and feels the taint! I came near losing my senses under the baleful influence myself, and only a few hours there as that. These have lain for years in the desolate gloom, and the price of a soul may be their cost!"

He shoved the shining heap from him with a gesture of horror, and sat looking at the contents of the third box or case. Whatever it was was wrapped in a little silken scarf. Allan reached over and touched it gently. "Oh! here is a slip of paper attached to it," he said, growing interested in the delicate package, and suddenly forgetting the glamor of a horrible dread connected in his mind with the glittering jewels opposite him.

How his heart throbbed for an instant as he recognized Miriam's delicate, yet firm writing: "My baby curls; Miriam Percival."

"Oh!" he said, half rapturously, "when she, my darling, was a little, care-free girl."

Unrolling the scarf, he held in his palm a long silken ringlet, tied with a bonnie blue ribbon. A look of happy satisfaction beamed from his dark eyes. "My Miriam's curls," he said, tenderly, "cut from her dear head before the shadows gathered

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over her path; cut, doubtless, by my aunt's fingers, now crumbled to dust, Lady Percival!"

He rolled up the curl carefully and restored it to its case. A kindly emotion stirred the depths of his soul, and a dreamy expression softened his features.

"Perhaps," he mused, "perhaps these jewels are my darling's, also; and, if they are, no harm can hover over them."

The sight of the ringlet had softened and rendered mild the whole atmosphere, and he gathered the bracelets and their accompanying necklace up with a far-away, preoccupied air and shut them in their elegant cases with a sigh.

### CHAPTER XXVIII.

It is May, and a beautiful day, with a symphony lingering in the fragrant air.

Miriam is out among the rosebuds that beautify the clambering vines as they wait for the breath of June to unfold their glory. And, instead of the pale, pinched expression on her perfect features as in the winter, the flush of health and—may I say happiness!—yes, happiness, creeps into her oval face, where the dimples of her girlhood are still visible.

Miriam Percival Fairfax has outlived the crucible years of her life; the dark chapters of her strange history are being followed up by bright, golden pages, fragrant with the love of a blissful, happy summer to be.

I had a difficult task, indeed, to persuade her that the dream of seeing Peggy and of hearing her seeming prophetic words would all come to naught. But I fancy, although she declares yet at times that "it means something to come," her faith in night visions is on the wane.

But the roses bud where last year the rue grew darkly luxuriant, and the smiles, the rarest of all rare things then, are slipping gradually into her days.

Some time ago she came to me with her fine voice all a-tremble, and wondered to me if I "thought it would be proper to wear colors?" I looked at her a moment; the somber crape folds had grown to be identical with Miriam. I should not have known her, I thought, without them—but ten long, sorrowing years for a young heart to throb beneath the garb of mourning was enough, who could ask more? Then, too, mourning was of the heart, not the habiliments altogether, and if this lone woman has found a silver lining to the heavy clouds of her heavens, why not?

"Yes," I said, "perfectly proper, dear, seeing that Allan is coming."

Then she smiled one of her rare, perfect smiles, which can neither be forgotten nor described, and said she "should go down to the city and make some purchases."

Sly little puss; did she imagine that I, who had played the part of a detective for a twelvemonth or more, could be hoodwinked into "spring fashions" in this manner? If she did, she has reckoned without our host, as I mentally cite a wedding day somewhere adown this golden summer; a perfect day in June, no doubt, as May is waning. Ah! yes; methinks I hear wedding-bells, and their clear, sweet music is in harmony with the symphony of the day.

But Miriam. A couple of letters lying in her lap bear foreign post-marks, and she has been reading them softly to herself, smiling the while, as if the contents were pleasing in the extreme.

The soft, gray texture of her dress—she chose gray for afternoon costume, but there is a beautiful white satin folded away amid a cloud of costly lace for another occasion—falls from her queenly figure in full folds, and she looks every inch a veritable queen: this stately, proud daughter of the Percivals.

"Heatherleigh is in the past," she says, turning her head, with a smile which is half joy, half sorrow. "The house of the Percivals have nothing more in its somber shadows. No; no more, forever!"

"Sold?" I ask.

"Yes; disposed of," she answers, looking away seaward. The fair face flushes and pales fitfully. There is a strong tide of memory surging up from the past; a thousand thoughts are coming to the front for recognition, and it is safe to say they are not pleasant ones.

I work away on my embroidery and finish an impossible grape cluster in smoky purple without pretending to offer any thing further. Such things are best thought out in silence, I have learned. So we sit an hour in the soft, sweet weather without a word; she looking seaward and down at the letters alternately, and I attentive to my embroidery, with an occasional glance at her face. She will speak presently, and tell me what she is thinking about. I have known her long enough to know this, and work away, awaiting her pleasure.

"I have sent to the Hall for a few things," she begins, just as I expected she would; "and if I am happy enough to get those the whole place known as Heatherleigh may rest for aye under the curse of Sir Leon Heatherleigh, for aught I care."

Her face flushes crimson, then pales like a lily; she is still revengeful and passionate in her hatred of the Hall. I had thought she had forgotten the old, desperate days, but she has not. I do not answer; I have no words. I scarcely ever have when Miriam towers up in speeches like this, and she relapses into another reverie, as disagreeable, perhaps, as the first.

"Peggy Clarkson never told you," she begins again, "of a certain night's work of ours, did she—hers and mine?"

Her face assumes a look of mingled pride and defiance, and she smiles a little as I answer "No."

"I thought she could be trusted, even unto death," and her eyes filled with tears, in memory of the deceased servant. "Now after it is all over and done with, I will tell you our little secret," she said, confidentially.

"Well," I answer, folding my hands over my work, preparing to listen.

"My mother," continued Miriam, "had a beautiful silver service of her own, and before I left the Hall I, with Peggy's assistance, hid it away, with several other things of value, including my mother's jewels. We stowed them all away in a recess behind the book-shelves in the library, taking the midnight hour for our work. Sir Rupert" (she never calls him father) "had forgotten, I think, the existence of the secret cupboard; and as it was closed by a sliding panel, scarcely visible when closed, I do not doubt but that they were found just as I put them away. I hope so, at least," she ended, with a sigh.

The pleasant, cheerful look comes into her face once more, and she stoops and adroitly gathers a dozen violets at her feet. There is something more she wishes to tell me, so I wait.

"This is the last of May?" she speaks, interrogatively, and I answer: "Yes, the very last days of the spring."

A crimson flush sweeps up over cheek and brow, and "Allan is coming," she confesses, sweetly.

"Oh!" I pretend to be surprised, happily so; but I was certain he would come long before this disclosure.

But it does my soul good to see the happy love-light in her beautiful eyes and to hear her confession, so I reach over and press a kiss of congratulation on her rose-flushed cheek, and say: "I am so glad for you, Miriam, and for Allan, too."

"I was sure you would be," replies Miriam, looking at me wistfully, questioningly.

"What is it? I ask, intuitively knowing she desires to ask me something from which, for some reason, she shrinks.

"Do you suppose Arthur would care?" The question came scarcely above a whisper, and her face takes on a look of frightened, painful inquiry.

"No," I answer, decisively, and give her a look of incredulity. I can scarcely believe my ears. "Would Arthur care! No, Miriam, he would not; so rest contented. Do you suppose that Arthur would be so selfish as that?" I ask.

She answers by a negative shake of her head, which brings one long, glossy curl down over her heaving bosom, but she does not speak. Evidently I have alluded to the dead too abruptly. Well, I have never understood the strange, beautiful woman before me more thoroughly, and what might please anybody else would, likely as not, fall disastrously across her thoughts.

"You shall be married here at the cottage," I say, making a bold attempt at turning her mind from the mournful past to the future with its promising outlook. "My poor little cottage has never known a marriage, a birth or a death," I add, pleadingly, looking straight at her for the answer.

"Your dear little home has been very lucky, then," she replies, with a far-away, sad look.

I am almost out of patience with her. Why must she dwell forever on the doleful past? But she speaks.

"Yes, I should like to be married here," she says. "I was married once in church," and she shivered as if the memory of it chilled her very soul, "and I never want to have the ceremony repeated there."

She fastens the violets in her fichu of creamy lace, and, gathering up the letters, goes in.

"Allan is coming." I repeat to the rosebuds; "Allan is coming when you bloom," and the breeze, sweeping up from the sea, sighs through the trees: "Yes, yes, yes!"

"Allan is bringing a friend with him." Miriam nestles down beside me on the sofa later and whispers this bit of news in my attentive ear.

"But I can not imagine who it can be," she adds, in a puzzled tone.

"A friend," and we ponder until we give up in despair of even thinking of one likely to come with him, and turn to discussing the preparations necessary for the happy event of her wedding.

Now that she has spoken to me and I know that they are to be united, Miriam is not reticent about speaking of the affair at all. She talks freely of her coming marriage, and in a short time our plans are laid for making a happy, enjoyable event; and in our devotion to the details of the future festivities we forget that "friend" over whose name we puzzled our brains so much at first.

But we are again put in mind of it in a day or two by Allan's writing a hurried letter from New York saying that "his friend, having business in the city of New York, they had sailed for that port, and as soon as possible they would be at Bay View. In two or three days from date we might look for them.

"He had forgotten," he thought, "to mention the friend's name in his last letter; would just say now that it was an old gentleman who resided near the little church of All Saints near Hastings, by the name of Earle Fairfax!"

Miriam uttered a cry when she read this name; whether it was one of delight or surprise or both, I never knew. She threw up her hands and, staggering forward, threw herself into my arms. "Earle Fairfax! Earle Fairfax!" she repeated. "I wonder why—O, I wonder why!"

"Miriam," said I, "don't you want to see the old gentleman; Arthur's uncle, I presume?"

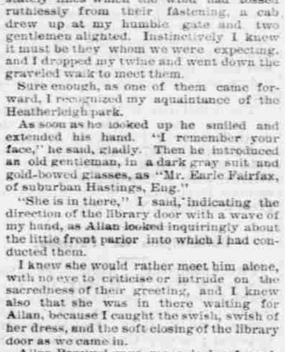
For a moment she lay quite still, making no response. Then she said slowly: "He is a good, kind old man; such a friend of mine—such a friend of mine!"

The words were whispered with colorless lips and pallid cheek. I was sorely puzzled to know why, if he was such a good, kind friend, she felt this way at mention of his name.

People don't generally grow white as death at the prospect of seeing a friend, not generally, at least, and I was at a loss to fathom this new phase of affairs.

I made no reply. I simply released her, and she went directly to her room, with the letter clasped tightly in her nervous fingers. "Old memories," I said, by way of excusing this, to me, unexplainable freak of Miriam's. "Doubtless his name was interwoven with some painful memory, which the mere mention of was like the thrust of a dagger."

She did not come down to dinner and I did not see her until the breakfast hour the next morning. She was cheerful as usual and seemingly anxious that I should forget the little episode of the previous afternoon. Launching off into conversation, in which I



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was sure that her heart had not the least interest, in order to detract my attention from the pallor of her countenance, she managed to become unusually talkative during the breakfast hour.

"Perhaps," said I to myself, "she is not paler than usual, and I am yoking up yesterday's circumstance with a morbid fancy of my own imaginative brain."

But when Maggie, my little maid, said solicitously behind my chair after Miriam had excused herself for a walk in the garden: "It seems to me that the lady is ill; she is uncommon white-faced and talks sort o' wild-like, don't you think?" I thought, ah! well, then my conjecture is not all an imaginative affair, after all. But I said to the maid that "the warm weather might have something to do with it."

"Oh! well, she 'pears so anxious like," persisted Maggie. "I shouldn't think the weather would give that worry to her look and manner, ma'am."

The maid knew that something like a shadow had fallen athwart the path of our guest, and with natural inquisitiveness was doing her best to wring a confession from me.

"Well, well, Maggie," I said, finally; "let it pass, and if she is really ill or worrying about any thing she will tell us by and by, if it is proper for us to know." Thus admonished, the maid gave me a look of suspicion and began clearing away the breakfast things in silence, while I sought Miriam, deep in the garden of roses and lilies in front of the cottage.

"Dissembling," I said, as she greeted me with a wintry smile from behind a rose-hedge, but the beautiful eyes told no tales, and the lips touched not on the friend's coming, as I half expected them to do, during the morning.

During the afternoon, while I was engaged in the re arranging of a cluster of stately lilies which the wind had tossed ruthlessly from their fastening, a cab drew up at my humble gate and two gentlemen alighted. Instinctively I knew it must be they whom we were expecting, and I dropped my twine and went down the graveled walk to meet them.

Sure enough, as one of them came forward, I recognized my aquaintance of the Heatherleigh park.

As soon as he looked up he smiled and extended his hand. "I remember your face," he said, gladly. Then he introduced an old gentleman, in a dark gray suit and gold-bowed glasses, as "Mr. Earle Fairfax, of suburban Hastings, Eng."

"She is in there," I said, indicating the direction of the library door with a wave of my hand, as Allan looked inquiringly about the little front parlor into which I had conducted them.

I knew she would rather meet him alone, with no eye to criticise or intrude on the sacredness of their greeting, and I knew also that she was in there waiting for Allan, because I caught the swish, swish of her dress, and the soft closing of the library door as we came in.

Allan Percival gave me a look of such joyous gratitude that I thought had he asked me to carry a thousand letters to the ends of the earth for him, instead of one little request that he did, that look rewarded me in full for every thing.

Then he stepped into the library and closed the door behind him, while I did my best to entertain this friend of Miriam's, although I could see plainly that he was very anxious to get a glimpse of her, as his eyes sought the library door frequently. I was fully as anxious that she should meet him, for I had a curiosity to see them together; if there was any secret between them, perhaps I might be able to guess it should I see their meeting.

After awhile Allan came out of the library, followed by Miriam, whose face was a study. She seemed quite glad to see the old uncle of her deceased husband, but there was a frightened, inquiring look on her face that dared not put itself into words, at least not before us.

I noticed Allan watching her with a grave, uneasy expression when she conversed with the uncle. Evidently he read the riddle no better than I did, and the worried look on her face set him ill at ease.

I could see that Allan loved her madly, and I said to myself that now, after he had crossed the ocean at her bidding, if any thing would happen to separate them again, it would wreck his life completely.

The next day Allan had some letters to mail, and he drove the phaeton down to the city. I had expected Miriam would ride out with him, but for some reason she did not, so he went alone. After his departure Miriam took her uncle into the library to show him the portraits of herself and family "as they were once," she said to him with an appealing look.

I went out to see after some dessert I had ordered for dinner and to offer a few suggestions to Maggie, knowing that I was not needed in the library. Instinctively I felt that the portrait business was only a ruse of Miriam's to get Uncle Fairfax all to herself for a confidential talk. Doubtless it was her privilege, I thought, and some way I felt glad that Allan was out of earshot, and that it, whatever it might be, would be over before his return.

Having an occasion to go into the parlor an hour or so after, whom should I see standing just outside the library door but Allan Percival, and his attitude was that of an attentive listener. I could not see his face, but I knew he heard the conversation going on in the library.

### CHAPTER XXIX.

He had returned then and had come in unobserved and just in time to hear—well, I had no idea what; only it seemed to me, all the time, that it was something which he should not hear. "Oh, dear!" I sighed, in growing consternation, not intending that Allan should hear me, as I was on the point of turning softly away, but his quick ear caught the tell-tale sigh, and he looked up.

His face was white and his handsome eyes were misty with tears. He put his finger to his lips quickly to warn me into silence, but that was unnecessary; then he beckoned me nearer. He wanted me to hear also, something, perhaps, which concerned neither one of us. I shook my head in the negative, but he only beckoned the more peremptorily and I came to his side. After I heard the first sentence, through the keyhole of the library door, I was as eager to play the eavesdropper as Allan was willing I should, perhaps.

"Then you are not sorry now that I dashed the glass of poison from your hand just in time to prevent your swallowing it!" It was Uncle Fairfax speaking, and a sort of exultation rang through his pleasant voice.

Allan caught his breath and put his hand on the wall for support, looking at me with the horror he dared not express showing through those beautiful eyes of his, now dilated with a terrified expression.

Then came Miriam's full, sweet voice in answer, saying in little tremulous tones: "No, Uncle Fairfax, I can say gladly that I am not sorry; on the other hand, I consider that it is to you I owe my life."

"I never think of that night at the Rest," she continued, "without a shudder. But I found my home-coming so dark, so sad and lonesome, and had just left Allan feeling almost heart-broken, and my own heart was aching dreadfully also, so much so that I chose death rather than to continue so. Knowing as I did that my cousin loved me, I was almost mad with the thought that I had caused him such misery of soul when—I could not avert it."

"I was so afraid," she began again, after a pause, "that you might have mentioned it that night to Allan on your voyage, inadvertantly, of course; but I never want that he should ever know of the wild, heartless words I said during your stay. You remember that I said I never should listen to Allan's suit, because I had sworn to hate every Percival, dead or alive, coming in my way. I think I was almost wild that night, uncle. True, I had said I should hate even the name of Percival and despise every one in whose veins ran the proud blood of the house, but that is all made null by a better feeling."

"So, then, you find you love Allan Percival in spite of his being undeniably one of the proud family?"

Allan Percival's face blanched like death and he stooped nearer the door to catch the answer, which meant life or death to his dearest hopes, and in the same tremulous, musical voice it came:

"Oh, yes, uncle, I know that I love him. I tried hard, for the sake of my rash oath, not to even remember him kindly, but love conquered at last." The tears holding in

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check in the handsome eyes of Allan Percival dropped down his cheek and he heaved a sigh, while the glad light came stealing back into his countenance.

"'Tis well," replied the old uncle. "'Tis well there is no mistake in so grave and important a matter. Your life has been very dark, my dear niece. I am glad for you, because I think you have chosen wisely, and am happy to hear that you really are in love with your affianced husband."

"Thank you, uncle," Miriam said, in reply. "I really and truly love Allan; never dream that part of, as I confess that I should not care to live without him."

Allan touched me on the arm and withdrew. I followed him into the sitting-room. "I am happily relieved," he said, as he drew a deep sigh. "I noticed such a strange look on her face yesterday; and to-day she refused to ride to the city with me, pleading a headache, and I had begun to think that she was sorry she had bidden me come."

"But that is all over," I interrupted, joyfully.

"Yes," he answered, his eyes lighting up brilliantly with the sweet certainty. "Miriam loves me for myself and I am glad." He looked out across the garden and off toward the sea for some moments, lost in deep thought. "Poor dear," he resumed, with a quaver in his voice; "how she must have suffered! Dashed the poison from her lips! Oh, God! only to think of how near my darling was to the gates of death!"

Allan's voice died in a whisper of emotion, and he shook as with an ague. I said nothing, but now I knew why she grew so white and nervous when she learned that Earl Fairfax was in Allan's company. She was afraid that "inadvertently," as she had said, the old gentleman had revealed that hour of anguish to her lover, and perhaps told him of her vow. This, doubtless, she imagined would prove disastrous and drive Allan from her side.

"It is best," said I, upon reflection, "that Miriam never knows we heard this. She was driven to the rash vow, and the suicidal attempt as well, by terrible and pressing sorrow, and as she had tided the days of anguish safely over at last, it is wise never to disclose a word of what we heard at the library door."

"Certainly," he replied; "the secret is ours, and my darling will never know! Could not live without me," he repeated, looking up brightly. "That life or passion is worth more to me than the whole world, even though I did hear it eaves-dropping. Now no more shall my life be sad and lonely; neither will her's. I think we are coming out from under the shadows of Heatherleigh."

It is a week later. We have had a quiet wedding at Bay View cottage, and henceforth it is a house with a romance. The neighbors all look upon me as one of the favored few in having such wealthy, aristocratic friends, but I feel lonely and deserted in a great measure.

Allan Percival and his proud, queenly wife have gone to their beautiful home on the Hudson. A magnificent country seat some few miles from New York suited their fancy, and they have left me for a little happy world of their own. A happier, handsomer couple I believe I never had the fortune to see. Allan's beaming face and Miriam's joyous countenance will long be remembered, as I saw them fade into the distance this morning. Earle Fairfax goes with them as far as the city of New York, and from thence for England in a few days.

The kind old uncle that he is, gave away the bride for the second time, he officiating in that capacity in the little church of All Saints on that never-to-be-forgotten, cheerless wedding night that saw Miriam and Arthur united in their clandestine marriage.

But this wedding was far different. No ceremony in the deep shadows of a dimly-lighted church; no going out across the lonely church-yard, past the white, silent headstones, and dark, heavy-shadowed brasses of an English burying-ground, and no flight from an angry, pursuing parent.

No; the little parlors of Bay View cottage reveled in their brightness and fragrant beauty, and fairly glowed with happiness borrowed from the glorious June weather and the merry sunshine for the auspicious event. Bay View cottage, that had never known a marriage, a birth or a death, scarcely ever the coming or going of friends even, plumed itself and blossomed at once into importance as the house where the wealthy Englishman married the heiress of a magnificent sum, from over the sea also.

No wonder that I felt proud of the handsome, accomplished couple. The soft, sweet light shining in those beautiful eyes behind the filmy bridal veil of richest texture was enough to fairly intoxicate any soul. And the handsome groom, who gazed with such fond pride on the regal woman at his side, was one of God's noblemen, surely.

And when they passed out, and down the miniature avenue of lilies and roses all alkoom with dewy fragrance, filling the sweet air with love and beauty, I said softly to myself: "You have stepped this happy day from out the shadows of Heatherleigh, and forever."

They will return by and by, after their little tour of inspection of the elegant home. Miriam said, with one of her indescribable smiles: "We will come back to you for a few days shortly; we could not leave you all at once, you know." And I kissed her beaming face and said: "No," with a desolate, strange feeling coming into my heart.

I think I never realized how much I had learned to love the daughter of my dear, dead friend until now. But that is the fiat of earth; the cycle of fortune bringing sunshine to one heart casts its shadow over another, and although I miss her I say it is well.

Allan gave Miriam the jewels and the exquisite silver tea service he brought from their far-off dark niche in the Heatherleigh walls and showed her the portrait of his father, which "the jolly old squire," as he called him, was so kind as to give him from out the collection in the ancestral gallery.

I wondered if the memory of her last visit to its gloomy solitude came back to her as she beat reverently over the face so like that of the man at her side. I fancy something of that trying hour flitted through her mind, for she pressed her quivering lips to the portrait and whispered, half aloud: "We meet again!" And Allan turned away to hide his emotion while the woman he loved hung lovingly over the face of his dead parent.

I thought Miriam would wear her jewels on her wedding day, but I never know just what she intends doing until I find myself surprised by her curious notions. "I will put them by," she said, with loving caress, "until after awhile; they are all I have left from over the sea; all I have from merrie old England; but they are quite enough."

Yes, they will come back for a season and gladden my lonely home, the more lonely now since having known their bright faces, and then the elegant country seat on the Hudson will receive them.

### CONCLUSION.

I am alone in the library. The casket of scintillating jewels left in my keeping is before me, showing by its ancient, exquisitely designed cover that it is an heirloom of years. A fair, sweet face comes floating back to me from the cluttered past for beloved recognition, and I hear a rich, full voice saying: "Thrice blessed are they who are true to the last." I shut my eyes and bow my head in my hands in silent spirit communion, for I realize that Lady Percival is near.

As I sit wrapped in the society of sweet memories I can see in the dim distance the ivy-wreathed gables and weather-stained facade of grand, grim-visaged Heatherleigh Hall, and the heavenly influence of Lady Percival goes. The two can not affiliate even in day-dreams. A restless, sad feeling comes over me, and Peggy Clarkson in her white cap and snowy vandyke stands before me, reading my thoughts with those great blue eyes of hers, and I hear her say: "An' O'll niver see me darlint, the young misthress, agin."

A dark oaken staircase rises out of the shadows of a deep, wide, silent hall, and I fancy I see a shadowy form, and hear, stealthily coming down the ancient steps, soft footfalls, and I shudder to think that perhaps the master of Heatherleigh is near. I feel in my soul that Sir Rupert is not pleased, that if he could he would send curses dire and dreadful on the son of the disinherited for presuming to aspire to his daughter's hand.

A sigh of relief comes as I realize, too, that the disinherited have outlived and outwitted all the maledictive plans and fiats of the proud, jealous ancestors; that the new house of the Percivals will spring grandly from the ruins of the old, and that those counted the very least in the proud, old English family have lived to be the greatest, but on this side the sea.

Something rouses me from my vision. Oh! it is Maggie flitting hither and thither, intent on putting things to rights preparatory to settling down into the old, quiet groove of two in one house.

Oh! yes, and I gaze out of the window toward the sea, showing little blue rifts through the trees, as I catch glimpses of the shore from where I sit. I can hear the restless surge of the waters, but they only sing a deep bass to-day to the march of the world.

Out there is the little garden of lilies where a year ago Miriam used to walk back and forth, sorrowful and slow-paced in her gown of crape, with her great sad, reproachful eyes wandering over its beauty in a joyless, silent way. Her face used to rival the whiteness of the pure, satiny blossoms that shed their fragrance around her in vain, and the dark shadows of evening vied in their somberness with the sweep of her robes as she wandered slowly about listening to the sad, hopeless story told her by moaning waves of the sea.

But to-day! and the summer breeze fresh from the booming billows breathes through the merry air a psean of joyful praise to Him, who in His own good time maketh all things well. And the flowers, sweet-lipped and fragrant, nod gayly in acquiescence as if to say: "We have seen her, we have seen her, and felt the magic sweep of her bridal robes. She who used to drop tears of the deepest anguish on our heads, and breathe hopeless prayers low to the passing winds, smiled on us to-day, smiled as an angel smiles, and has swept by on the arm of him whom she loves. We are glad, we are glad!"

And the roses and lilies mingle in sweet confusion as the wind kisses them beneath the skies of June.

"Across the world he followed her," sighs a voice from the summer choir, reversing Tennyson's day dream, and I clasp my hands impulsively, murmuring: "God bless the bridegroom and his bride!"

THE END.

### The March of Civilization.

Perhaps no more significant evidence of the onward march of civilization could be afforded than the lighting by electricity of the palace of the gaikwar of Barola, in India, and that, too, on a scale of unstinting splendor. The interior is lit with 215 sixteen-candle-power incandescent lights. The large hall is illuminated with two large twelve-light electroliers, made in bronze and lacquered work, while the light is softened and diffused by dioptric shades. Single lights are also pendent from the ends of the columns of the gallery. In the numerous rooms are three and four light electroliers, made in a variety of designs to suit the surroundings. In the bedrooms the mirrors have been specially fitted with brackets, which will admit of their being shifted from one room to another, and an electric hand-lamp is also provided, which can be moved about at pleasure. An important feature of the installation is the complete arrangement of switches and safety fuses, thus the overheating of wires and consequent danger from fire are rendered impossible.—Chicago Herald.

—The Harvard Co-operative Society has 609 members and does a business of about $50,000 a year.

## DESERT SAND SPOUTS.

### Graphic Description of a Striking Scene in Africa.

Under the fairest skies the desert is an awesome solitude, but when a storm comes it is terrible and appalling. I shall never forget a scene I witnessed some forty miles beyond the great pyramids, says a writer in the New York Mail and Express. I had gained an isolated hillock, some two hundred feet above the level of the surrounding desert. Away to the west, about two miles distant, I descried six or seven lofty pillars of sand moving swiftly over the undulating plain. The center one of these was vertical, and those surrounding it, at a distance of two or three hundred yards, lea

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THE Minnesota farmers demand that binding-twine shall be made in the State prison, so as to break the twine trust. In other words, they believe in fighting crime with its own weapons.

THE Hendricks Monument committee, of Indianapolis, has received notice of the arrival in New York of the Hendricks monument completed from Florence. There are 80 crates of granite and 4 crates of bronzes, and the total weight is over 200 tons.

THE Nebraska City *Staats Zeitung*, the leading German Republican paper of Nebraska, announces its conversion to Democracy. Harrison's administration, Prohibition and the Republican game of grab are given as the reason for this change of heart.

INSTEAD of the $100,000,000 surplus that was in the Treasury when President Cleveland retired, there will be a deficit when this Republican Congress gets through with its session, and the tariff raised to meet the deficiency. The g. o. p. is getting in its work.

THE condition of our commercial relations abroad is shown by the latest returns from the Government Bureau at Washington, from which it appears that the merchandise exports for the year ending March 31 were $842,939,-960, an increase over 1888 of $11,920,-144. The imports were $707,317,176, an increase of $33,476,890.

THE bill before Congress allowing each member a clerk is still on the calendar, and it is likely to stay there until next December. While a majority of the Congressmen have expressed themselves as willing to vote for the measure, they are afraid to do so. This is the season of the nominating conventions, and members are unwilling to vote for a bill that would give their constituents an opportunity to charge extravagance.

THE Providence *Journal*, independent Republican, concedes that Rhode Island is now a Democratic State, ascribing the change to the growing feeling of resistance to the appointment of the Governor and State officers by a legislature elected by a minority of the popular vote, the unpopularity of the present national administration and the growth of a sentiment favorable to a broader and wiser industrial policy than that favored by the Republican party.

A BILL passed by the Democrats of the Ohio legislature before its adjournment makes the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each year "from and between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 2 P. M." a legal holiday, and the law also provides that any employer or master who fails to observe or violates any of the foregoing provisions shall forfeit and pay to the employe or servant deprived of his rights under this act not more than $25 nor less than $10.

THERE has not been since the close of the Civil War says the New York *Saturday Globe*, a political situation so full of promise to the Democracy and, consequently, to the plain people of the country as that which exists to-day. Turn the eye in whatever direction we please, and the signs are the same. Everywhere the people appear to be alarmed by Republican excesses, and to be looking toward the restoration of the Democratic party to power as their only safety.

THERE is apparently good authority for the statement that the governments of the United States and Great Britain are now further apart in their negotiations in regard to the question as to whether or not Behring sea is a closed sea than they have been at any time since the negotiations were begun. The United States maintains that it is a closed sea and was made so by the treaty of 1825, while the British government contends that the treaty does not at all cover the case.

THE Executive Committee of the Democratic State Committee met at Harrisburg on Wednesday and fixed Wednesday, July 2, as the date for holding the State Convention in the opera house at Scranton.

The entire proceedings occupied but a few moments. The original intention was to hold the convention on July 3, and have a grand ratification meeting on July 4, but the convention expects to be in session two days, and as a consequence July 2 was selected

THE most horrible trunk mystery that has yet turned up is reported from Morocco. Eight trunks among some merchandise arrived at Masagan, Morocco, from the city of Morocco to persons who could not be found. When they were at length opened they were found to contain the headless bodies of sixteen young Moor girls and of a negress and also the body of a man. What a story, of the awful revenge of a jealous Mussulman upon his harem might be built up from this? Bluebeard would be nowhere.

A SENSATION has been created in Indiana politics by a letter from Hon. John Overmeyer, formerly a prominent legislator, Speaker of the House, and chairman of the Republican State central committee, in which he takes strong ground in favor of tariff reform. He declares that protection, as demanded in the McKinley bill, is not desired by the party at large, and that it will result in certain defeat if it is persisted in. He says that the doctrine of protection, as now taught by the party, was never heard of as a Republican principle until Blaine introduced it to 1884 for his own personal ends, and that the passage of the bill now in Congress will be the death of the party. Mr. Overmeyer has been one of the most prominent Republicans in the State for years.

Now comes Senator John Sherman, says the New York *World*, with the oft-repeated proposal to adopt monarchical practices by making Ambassadors of our Ministers to foreign countries.

The proposal, by whomsoever made, is one of snobbish subservience to aristocratic ideas and is repulsive to the American mind. An Ambassador is the personal representative of a king to a king, and in countries where men kiss the hands of kings the Ambassador takes precedence of the Minister who represents a Nation instead of an enthroned person.

We Americans have no king. We have, therefore, no more use for Ambassadors than for crowns and thrones and sceptres. Our Ministers represent sixty millions of the freest and most enlightened people on earth, and if, in such a capacity, they have need of a titular tillup to give them grace, the fault in them and not in their position.

No title could have added to the respect shown to Benjamin Franklin when he walked the streets of Paris in plain clothes and slouch hat and all heads were reverently bared in his presence. The Minister of to-day, who in his dress suit stands among the bedizened representatives of crowned heads, is distinguished by the very simplicity of his dress and title, and is marked as the representative of the great Republic to which the eyes of all mankind are turned in admiration and hope.

Why should this great nation surrender its ideas of manhood and take its lesson from the Jeames Yellowplushes of petty courts? The reason usually given is that the Ambassador takes precedence of the Minister even when the Ambassador comes from a fifth-rate power and the Minister from the United States of America. But that reason is no reason and that remedy worse than none.

Why should not the United States reply to that assertion of monarchal ideas with an equally emphatic assertion of Democratic ideas? Our plain duty is to assert our respect for Republics and the Republican system as respect for monarchy is asserted at foreign capitals. We should give precedence at Washington to the representatives of Republics. We should let the representatives of Germany, England and Russia cool their heels in the corridors of the White House while the Ministers of Switzerland, France, Mexico and Hayti have audience with the President. We are strong enough to make rules of precedence for ourselves, and we should make such as will reflect our ideas.

It is time for this great nation to cease taking instruction from court flunkys.

THE United States Supreme Court at Washington, on Monday rendered an opinion adverse to the constitutionality of State laws in prohibition States providing for the seizure of liquor brought from other States. Such laws, it is held, are interferences with interstate commerce. The case in which the decision was made was that of Leisy against Hardin, brought on appeal from the Supreme Court of Iowa. Leisy, a beer manufacturer of Peoria, Ill., shipped beer to Keokuk, Iowa, which was seized in the original packages by Hardin, a State official, as having been sent there in violation of the Iowa law. The Supreme Court of Iowa held that the law under which this official acted was valid, but the Supreme Court now reverses that decision. Justices Gray, Harlan and Brewer dissented from the opinion of the majority of the court. The majority opinion cites that distilled liquors are subjects of ownership and therefore subjects of exchange like any other commodity, and as the laws of Congress authorize the importation of ardent spirits, no State has the right to prohibit their introduction. The States, it is held, have authority to control their purely internal affairs, but whenever a law of the State amounts essentially to a regulation of commerce with foreign nations or among the States it conflicts with the power of the national government and is therefore void.

WILLIAM KEMLER, the New York murderer, who was to have been executed at Auburn on Tuesday, by electricity was again given a new lease of life by the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus on Tuesday morning, by Judge Wallace of the United States Court. The case had been already argued and disposed of by the State Courts but now it is thrown into the courts of the United States and the question of the Federal Constitution is involved. The act of Congress of 1878, under which the application is brought, has already been construed by the United States Supreme Court. It was intended to cover Southern outrage cases when a violation of the election laws were common. The Supreme Court in passing upon a case wherein it claimed that the eight provision of the constitution applied to the State laws imposing certain punishments, decided that the provision applied to a national and not to State legal violation.

THERE has never been a time in our history, says Ex-Speaker Carlisle in the *Forum*, when there was so much discontent and so little prospect of improvement as there is now among those classes that ought to be prosperous. Nearly every trade, occupation and profession is organized to formulate and present its demand for relief, and the Republican party responds to their appeals by proposing to extend and strengthen the protective system of taxation under which they have been reduced to their present condition. This and the appropriation of public money out of the treasury for the benefit of a few favorite classes, is the only remedy it proposes. The evils resulting from 30 years of protection and the overburdened taxpayers are to be relieved by having their forced contributions given away to wealthy individuals and corporations engaged in the foreign carrying trade.

IT is noted by an observant contemporary that the recent cyclones blew everything off some of the western farmers except the mortgage.

### Farmers' Alliance in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, April 27.—The Farmers' Alliance has grown in Indiana to formidable proportions. Delegates met here yesterday to form a State organization. Much of the proceedings were in secret and reporters were excluded. The first business was reports of the strength of the order in the State. The reports show that Martin county, where the first sub-alliance was organized a year ago, now has 38 alliances and 1500 members. The order has a contract store at Loogootee., which does a thriving business. Every piece of goods for sale is marked plain with both the cost and selling price. The merchant contracts to sell his goods for an average of about 10 per cent. above their cost to him. The delegate who gave the Martin county report said the alliance met with much opposition from business and professional men at first, but that its favor is courted by them all.

Reports from other parts of the State show nearly 100 lodges, with 3,000 members. Announcement was made that the various organizations of farmers, the Grangers excepted, will be consolidated with the alliance next fall. Some of these are the Farmers' Mutual Benefit association, the Agricultural Wheel, the Patrons of Industry, the Western Alliance, and the Farmers' and Laborers' union. When united the consolidation will have a strength approaching 100,000 members in Indiana. Benjamin Terrell and W. W. Wilson of Texas are here assisting in the organization. The scope of the movement is indicated by Terrell. He says:

"The alliance has not come to pull down but to build up, not to attack any other interests but simply to care for the farmers' interests. It is political. That is one of its chief purposes. We propose to study politics, but not to be partisans. We will not attack parties, but will raise our members above party. Blind partisanship has done more than any other thing to injure the farmers' interests. We will try to avoid prejudice. I have seen the time when I would have voted my party ticket no matter what the standing, moral or mental, of the candidates. Now I propose to vote for Katie and the baby. If the parties which have professed to be our friends for 20 years expect to retain our support hereafter, they must begin to show themselves our friends in truth. Whenever you want anything from the Legislature demand it. We want more money, better railroad facilities and regulations, better laws restricting the ownership of land, and preventing accumulations of vast bodies of American property."

### Baltimore Visited.

BALTIMORE, April 28.—This city was visited yesterday afternoon between 3:40 and 4 o'clock by hail of a size and destructive power never before seen in this city. The hail was not like the snow-coated hail of commerce, but was plain hard ice, frozen through and through, clear as crystal and solid as a rock. It went through thick panes of glass as if they were tissue paper and the amount of damage done by it can only be figured up when all the broken panes are counted and the glass setters' bills are paid. The loss will run up into thousands. The hail stones were like rocks, some of them ragged and sharp on the edges as a steel blade. Hens' eggs were nothing to them in size. Many of them were as large as a man's fist and as they came down they sounded like so many cannon balls falling on the helpless earth. The storm came from the west, local in its character, and swept to the east with a rattle like heavy musketry, frightening people out of their wits, making some of the superstitious think that the day of judgment had come and hitting those who were on the streets many hard knocks and driving them into places of shelter.

### Raising Buffaloes.

OTTAWA, April 27.—Messrs. Anderson Bros. and Co., who have the three remaining buffaloes of Warden Bedson's large herd at Winnipeg, intend to ship the animals to a ranch near Lake Winnipeg and to go into buffalo raising extensively. They are endeavoring to buy some animals that are in the Northwest, and are negotiating with a man in Montana for three or four buffalo cows. If they are successful Manitoba will, in a few years, have another large herd of these valuable animals. Warden Bedson's herd, which was sold last year to Mr. Jones of Kansas, increased in nine years from nine thoroughbreds and four half-breed animals to 138 head. Of these he sold 82 to Jones for about $15 000 and obtained a correspondingly good price for the others.

Before Mr. Jones got his herd out of the country it had increased to 100 head, 19 calves having been born after he made the purchase. When he closed the bargain he went back to the States, organized a company, and sold a quarter interest for $50 000, and he expects to double that sum from the sale of animals, meat, hides, etc., within the next 15 years. The herd is now at Salt Lake, and, new purchases are being made at every opportunity.

### State Farmers' Alliance.

HARRISBURG, PA., April 28.—Colonel L. T. Polk, President of the National Farmers' Alliance, who arrived in this city Saturday with Major Gray of Louisiana, to consult about the growth of the alliance in this State said to-day the total membership of the organization is 3 000 000. It started in New York in 1873

A private meeting was held in this city on Saturday. Hon. C. D. Eldred was the President who prepared the first Pennsylvania State grange constitution; Isaac Garretson, member of the State board of Agriculture from Adams county, Vice President, and Rev. Wilfred M. Kellogg of Lancaster county, Secretary.

It was unanimously agreed that the subject of organization in Pennsylvania be left in the hands of H. C. Demming of this city, ex-State deputy of the grangers, master of the first Pomona grange in Pennsylvania, and President of the alliance in Susquehanna township. Letters of sympathy in the movement or promises of co-operation were received from 20 counties in the State.

### The Pulpit and the Stage.

Rev. F. M. Shrout, Pastor United Brethern Church, Blue Mound, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 28 lbs. in weight."

Arthur Love, Manager Love's Funny Folks Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence, I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, beats 'em all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it." Free trial bottles at E. James', Ebensburg, and W. W. McAteer, Loretto. Large bottles 50c. and $1.00.

REFERRING to the new rule in Congress the Philadelphia *Ledger* says: "Senator Chandler proposes to have the Senate adopt Speaker Reed's rule about counting a quorum. When these devices return to plague the inventors may we all be there to see it."

### Quay's "Dignified Silence."

"The only answer to such foul accusations is dignified silence," says the Pittsburg *Commercial Gazette* in discussing the charges against Senator Quay. But silence can be no more dignified than its subject-matter, if we may call it so, and the subject-matter of Quay's silence is prodigiously undignified, being theft and embezzlement of public funds by himself for private gain. These offenses are not dignified and admit of no dignity on the part of him who commits them. Quay's silence may be prudent—it probably is so. Dignified it never can be.

But the Pittsburg newspaper does not choose to follow its own counsel. In fact, it sets up two separate and distinct defenses of Quay. The first is that his accusers are free traders; the second is his splendid services in electing Harrison.

In the courts of law this answer to a charge supported by evidence that Mr. Quay took at one time $260 000 from the Pennsylvania State treasury and lost it in gambling, and at another time took $400,000 when he himself was State Treasurer and used it to pay for certain railroad securities which he had purchased, subsequently returning the State's money when he had sold the securities, would, we have no hesitation in saying be deemed inadequate, and the jury would doubtless convict without leaving their seats. But Matthew S. Quay is not arraigned in a court of law. He is on trial at the bar of public opinion, for which he has the utmost contempt, and before the statesmen and managers of the Republican party, whom he does not in the least fear. On the contrary, they fear him, and he knows it. He has their secrets in his keeping, the President's secrets Wanamaker's secrets, the secrets, of the fat-friers and of the fat givers. So these charges of theft and embezzlement only "emphasize their [his party's] appreciation of the splendid services he rendered in the election of General Harrison.

Some 20 years ago, when the corruptions that followed the war period began to show themselves in public office, in Congress and in politics, the Republican party was sensitive about its honor. It used to try to expose and punish the crimes of its rascals. But now it submits to felonies by its official leader, and steals the Senators of a new State with equal serenity.—*N. Y. Times.*

### Mr. Hoar's Returning Boards.

The Republican National Committee, of which the Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay is still Chairman, will meet at Washington on May 7. The supposed object of the meeting is to consider the decidedly gloomy prospects of electing a Republican majority in the Fifty-second Congress.

The hope of the committee and of Republicans in general must be founded upon the schemes for Republican supervision of Congress elections. The Federal Elections bill reported by Senator Hoar from the Committee on Privileges and Elections ought to be sure of the approval of Mr. Quay and his associates. If it becomes a law, the election of a Republican House of Representatives would be simpler than sneezing.

The vital part of Mr. Hoar's bill is found in the provision putting the final counting and revision of the vote of each Congress district in the hands of a Board of Canvassers appointed by the United States Judge for the district, and consisting of at least two Republicans. "Not more than two of whom [Board of Canvassers] shall belong to the same political party," is the provision of the bill. In any district where the supervisors had not sufficiently doctored the registration lists, the Republican majority in the Board of Canvassers could count in the Republican candidate and thereupon certify his election.

The familiarity of Mr. Hoar with the fine work done for his party by the State Returning Boards in Louisiana and Florida in 1876 has led him to provide for United States Returning Boards, with a Republican majority to count a Republican victory in the Congress districts.—*N. Y. Sun.*

### Philadelphia for Pattison.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—Ex-Postmaster Wm. F. Harrity, the conceded leader of the Philadelphia Democracy; United States District Attorney John R. Read, lieutenant still in power; ex city Chairman Robert S. Patterson and other prominent local Democrats are out to night in harmonious expressions through interviews in favor of nominating ex Governor Robert E. Pattison for Governor. They point to his character and the record of his administration for their reason. Harrity, with his powerful and united organization, has been until now supposed to be favorable to ex-Senator Wallace. This change of front, even if no other Democratic guides were leading in that direction, would mean 45 to 49 of Philadelphia's 55 delegates for Pattison. But ex-Representative George McGowan to-night joins the movement, and this, with other indications, means a practical promise of a united Philadelphia Democracy for Pattison. There have been several conferences among the local leaders recently. Hence these announcements to-night.

### An Abominable Measure.

Senator Hoar's Electoral bill is not merely a measure designed to prostitute the Federal courts to party ends, but it would also instigate partisan hatred and conflict. These designs ooze through every portion of this bill. The party that should undertake thus to put the elections of the people under the control of Federal satraps and spies would be buried under the weight of popular resentment. Ancient Federalism never manifested so much dis rust of the people and so little regard for the rights of the States as are betrayed in this measure.

### Veterans Disown Harrison.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The Benjamin Harrison War Veteran Association of Brooklyn, 700 strong, has repudiated the Harrison Administration and changed its name to that of the Abraham Lincoln War Veteran Association of Kings County. The cause of this action was recited in a set of resolutions in which it was asserted that Harrison is only a dummy, and the whole Administration an enemy to the war veteran in the matter of Federal appointments.

### Epoch.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health, to the use of the Great Alterative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of Kidneys, Liver or Stomach, of long or short standing you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c. and $1 per bottle, at, E. James', Ebensburg, and W. W. McAteer Loretto.

THERE are forty abandoned farms within a radius of five miles in Montgomery county, Pa. And still we are told the farmer is protected.

### NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—The Crawford county farmers will hold a Convention the coming week to nominate the candidates for the Legislature. The public road question is the one the farmers are keeping their eye upon.

—J. W. Orcutt, of Hanover, the wire fence swindler, who has swindled the farmers of York and Adams counties out of nearly $125 000, has been arrested in Hanover. He gave bail for a hearing.

—Virginia's first woman physician is Mrs. C. L. Haynes, who has recently been elected assistant physician in the western lunatic asyium after passing a successful examination before the state medical board.

—Gold-bearing quartz, samples of which assay $122 to the ton, has been discovered in Grant county, W. Va. People of Petersburg are greatly excited over the find.

—Aunt Sarah Gaddes, of Oneida, near Grafton, W. Va., is supposed to be the oldest woman in America. Friends who know her history estimate her age at 130 years.

—W. W. Allen, Superintendent of mails in Buffalo postoffice, was arrested on Monday, charged with robbing the mails. It is supposed that he has been connected with robberies that have made the Buffalo office notorious.

—A "spook" stampeded the entire crew of a Reading Railroad freight train at the Phoenixville tunnel on Thursday night. They say it looked like the reigning host of Hades, and is credited with carrying off the watchman, who has been missing since that time

—Cashier Seeler, chief clerk of the Newark (N J) post-office, surrendered himself to United States-Commissioner Rowe Saturday night, and stated that he was a defaulter in the sum of about $5 000. He was held to await the action of the Federal Court.

—While decending a grade on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad on Monday, the air brake on an express train broke and the train rushed into Staunton, W. Va., at the rate of 80 miles an hour. Miss Myrtle Knott, of the "Pearl of Pekin" troupe, was killed and eight others were hurt.

—In readmitting a disbarred attorney to practice, on petition of 87 members of the Cumberland bar in Portland the other day, Judge Walton remarked that it was the first instance in the history of the Maine courts where a disbarred lawyer had been restored to his former privileges.

—Peschkof, the Cossack officer who has undertaken to ride alone, with only one horse, from Blagovestchensk, on the Upper Amoor, in Siberia, to St. Petersburg, a distance of 5,437 miles, has reached Omsk in good condition, having traveled 2,451 verst (1,634 miles) in 49 days, and spent 323 hours in the saddle.

—Dr. Richard H. Cameron, a prominent physician of Johnstown, N. Y., was killed Saturday while exercising his spirited trotting horse. He was thrown from his sulky, caught in the wheel, and dragged to his death. He was forty-two years of age, and a leading society man and church member. He leaves a widow and two children.

—The record for the largest amount of butter produced by a cow in a year has been broken by a cow owned by D. F. Appleton, of Ipswich, Mass., who with three days to spare, produced 941 pounds 11 ounces. The previous record was 939 pounds 13½ ounces, held by Landser's Fancy, owned by Dr. William Morrow, of Nashville, Tenn.

—A railroad man in New York says he does not believe that the reorganization of the South Penn railroad, will be anything but a dicker with President Robert's people, because Charles MacVeagh, one of the new directors is a son of Wayne MacVeagh, who is general counsel to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and for that reason represents the latter in the Board.

—Last Thursday night, while returning from a trip to Lafayette, a party of young people met with a shocking accident near Lima, Ohio. Their horses became frightened and ran into a stone wall, killing both of them and dashing the occupants against the stone abutment of a bridge. Minnie and Gertie Pierce were instantly killed, and Ella Hawkins and Cliff Church were probably fatally injured.

—The reason a Hillsdale, Mich., business man looked so ungodly during a prayer meeting the other evening was because he had in his pocket reserved seats for a theatrical entertainment and thoughtlessly had started into the wrong hall, where a revival was in progress. The usher conducted him and wife to good front seats, and he never realized this mistake until the service began. They then stuck it out.

—Referring to the proposition of the California Athletic club for a contest between John L. Sullivan and Peter Jackson, John W. Barnet, Sullivan's manager, said: "Sullivan will accept the offer on two conditions: First, the $20,000 must not be divided: the winner must take all of the money; second, Sullivan must have a side bet of at least $20,000 and not more than $30,000. Sullivan will forward his answer to the Athletic club early next week.

—James Hamilton, John T. Owens, and James Owens Isaacs, who were convicted of stealing a horse in Sussex County, Del., were pilloried for one hour and received twenty lashes each on Saturday. They have year's imprisonment also to serve. There being no jail yard, the whipping took place on the village green in a space roped off to keep back the crowd. The young men are connected with prominent families, and their trial and punishment made a great local sensation. About three hundred persons witnessed the whippings.

—The Pittsburg Commission company, the largest bucket shop in the state, suspended payment Saturday. The company's business was larger than any three concerns in Pittsburg. The capital stock was only $10,000, but the aggregate amount handled by it was at least $500,000 a year. Its liabilities are estimated at $150,000. It is said that the company paid out $350 000 in the last seven weeks. The bulge in grain and pork sadly crippled the concern, and the continued advance in the stock market rendered abortive all efforts to recover.

—At noon, on Friday while the principal street of Lexington, Mo., was crowded with people, a man, accompanied by a woman and two children, caused quite an excitement by publicly cutting his throat and the veins in his wrists with a razor. He was taken to the hospital, where it is said he is not fatally injured. The would be suicide was Pat Brennan, and he had walked there from Weir City, Kan., with his wife and children in search of work. He said he could not cure his stomach ache, and resolved to die rather than to endure the pain.

—The Shoemaker family is one of the wealthiest and oldest in Luzerne county. It counts its money by the millions. One member of the family is McDonald D. Shoemaker, whose income is $40 000 a year. He was to have married a wealthy heiress, but the engagement was broken off as Shoemaker said he had a dread that one day he might be poor and he wanted a wife who could work. He proposed to marry May Lannon a domestic. His family raised a row and had a commission appointed by the court to examine into his sanity. In the meantime Shoemaker took his poor sweetheart to Elmira, where they were quietly married. On Saturday he returned and tried to introduce his wife into his mother's home. His uncle objected, threw both out, and Shoemaker was knocked into the gutter. Shoemaker had his uncle arrested.


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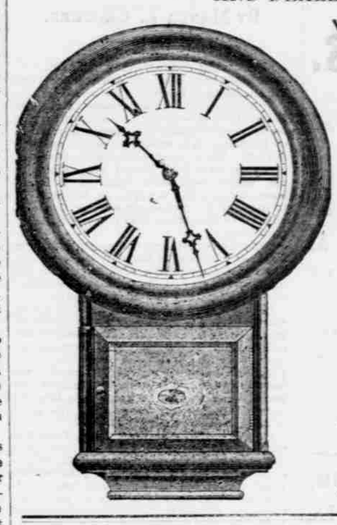

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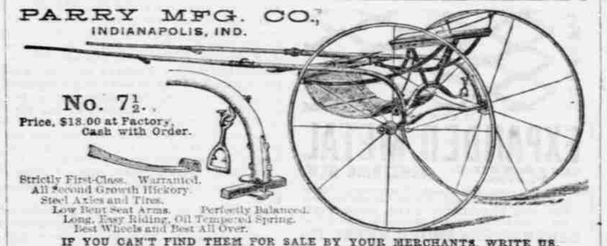

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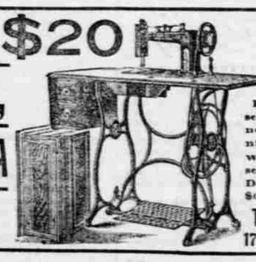

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—Dog fights are popular with Ebensburg boys.

—Mr. John Dick was in town on Wednesday.

—Prof. F. J. Itel, of Johnstown, was in town on Monday.

—E. J. Kerr, Esq. now of Indiana, was in town on Monday.

—District Attorney F. J. O'Connor was in town on Monday.

—Mr. John Devlin, of Johnstown, was in town on Thursday.

—Ex Sheriff Gray, of Carrolltown was in town for a few hours on Monday.

—Mr. Joseph Bearer, of Carroll township, was a visitor to our office on Monday.

—Mr. A. Strittmatter, of this place received a car load of seed oats on Tuesday.

—A full line of matting, just what you want for summer, just received at Barkers'.

—The whitewash artist is ornamenting the cellar walls and fences in this neighborhood.

—We may not have everything you want but you can find anything you need in dry goods at Barkers.'

—All kinds of job work neatly and promptly executed at this office at the lowest prices.

—Miss Julia Lemmon is in Hollidaysburg in attendence at the wedding of Miss Anna Piper, formerly of this place.

—New styles in floor oil cloths, new patterns in rugs and several new things in carpets just received at Barkers'.

—Col. John S. Miller, of this place, was absent for a few days during the present week on a visit to Huntingdon.

—Mr. H. J. Hoppel, of Barr township, candidate for County Treasurer, was a visitor to our town on Wednesday.

—Are you thinking of papering this spring? A glance at Barkers' stock of papers will encourage you to act.

—Joseph Wherry, was brought to jail from Wilmore on Saturday last, for throwing stones at the hotel of Mr. Joseph Hornser.

—For everything in the way of shoes call in at Barkers'. They have just received a fine line of shoes for men, women and children.

—Hon. A. A. Barker and his grandson, Fred Barker, who have been spending part of the winter in Florida, returned home on Saturday.

—Twenty five dollars were received Friday by the Relief Committee for the Johnstown sufferers. It came from Dresden, Germany.

—Mr. Alexander Frew, an old man ninety years of age, committed suicide by drowning in Stone Creek, Huntingdon county, on Friday last.

—A prominent undertaker is authority for the statement that nearly every case of diphtheria can be traced back to newly plastered buildings.

—The weather for the past few days has been excellent for doing outside work and a vast amount of seed of all kinds has been placed in the ground.

—John Whalen, executor of Patrick Cogan, deceased, advertises a valuable lot of ground in South Fork for sale. See advertisement in another column.

—John R. Swartz, of New Florence caught a spoon fish in the Conemaugh, at that place, a few days ago, which measured three feet two inches in length.

—The borough "dads" were taking a look at the streets and pavements on Tuesday with the intention of notifying property owners to make needed repairs.

—All of you who have not bought your clothing from foreigners will find a large stock to select from at Barkers', at prices lower than others have paid lately.

—Those who did not practically observa Arbor day No. 1, this year have yet a chance to do so on Arbor day No. 2, May 2, as per proclamation of Governor Beaver.

—Caron Loahey, Esq., of Lilly, spent half a minute in our office on Tuesday when he made a bee line for the 5:35 train which was then nearly due. Call again, 'Squire.

—On Saturday last Mr. William Kimball retired from the livery firm of Brown & Kimball, Mr. P. F Brown purchasing his interest. Mr. Brown is now sole proprietor.

—Mrs. Gen. Thumb's Vaudeville Company at the Opera House next Tuesday afternoon and evening. It is said to be an excellent com pany and should be well patronized.

—Steady employment, on salary, is offered in another column, by E. C. Pierson & Co., Waterloo, N. Y.

—Mr. Geo. A. Kinkead has broken ground for the erection of a new dwelling house in the East ward.

—Major James C. Burke, a member of Co. A. 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, formerly of Allegheny township, but now of McKeesport, Pa., will deliver the address in this place on Memorial Day.

—We advise the people not to become overheated because of the announcement that the price of ice will be nigh this season. Let them keep cool, not to say collected. The collecting part will be attended to by the ice merchants.

—On last Saturday morning John Kerr, of West Mahoning township Indiana county, was found dead, in his own barn. The cause of his death was supposed to be heart failure. He leaves a wife and four children. He was about 30 years of age.

—Judge Stewart, of Chambersburg, instructed the Grand Jury on Monday to investigate the tramp nuisance and ascertain what could be done toward ridding the country of the vagrants. Franklin county has spent over $125 000 in eighteen years in nursing the tramps.

—The Union men employed at the Union planing mill at Braddock held a meeting Tuesday night to consider the advisability of asking the firm to discharge all non-Union men in their employ. The climax will be reached to-day when a protest will be entered against all non-Union men retained in the place.

—The original and only Mrs. Gen. Tom Thumb's Vaudeville Company, for years under the management of P. T. Barnum, consisting of Count and Baron Magri and a select company of lady and gentlemen artists, will appear at the Opera House, this place, on Tuesday evening, May 6th. Matinee in the afternoon at 3 P. M.

—Last Sunday afternoon a man supposed to be a Hungarian was killed near Larimer, Westmoreland county, by jumping off the Mail Express while it was running at the rate of forty miles an hour. He lit on his head on a stone and his brains were scattered in every direction. He had some money on his person and a dinner bucket in his hand.

—David Earnest, a miner employed at Mentzer's Colliery, Bens Creek, was caught between the rope that lets the wagons down the incline and the timbers at the drum on Saturday last, and was drawn through a space not over six inches wide. His collar bone was broken and he received internal injuries from which he died the same day.

—A letter to Col. John P. Linton announces the death of Dr. William E. Hall, at Fortress Monroe, last Friday. Dr. Hall was Surgeon of the Fifty-fourth Regiment during the war, and highly esteemed by all his old comrades, who will hear of his death with heartfelt sorrow. The Doctor participated in the reunion of his regiment here two years ago.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

—George Ford, of South Fork, a watchman on the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck by a pusher near Mineral Point on Sunday evening and instantly killed. He was walking on the track and stepped out of the way of Fast Line east on to the west bound track without noticing the pusher. He leaves a wife and several children. One of his sons was killed on the railroad at East Conemaugh about two years ago.

—By an act of the legislature approved April 23, 1889, it is declared: "Bicycles, tricycles and all vehicles propelled by hand or foot, and all persons by whom bicycles, tricycles and such other vehicles are used, ridden or propelled upon the public highways of this State, shall be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same restrictions, in the use thereof, as are prescribed by law in the cases of persons using carriages drawn by horses."

—On Saturday, Mr. F. A. Cresswell, the surveyor, finished running the boundaries of the proposed new borough of Morrellville, The limits now include about 350 acres, instead of 500, as at first proposed. The matter will likely be in proper shape to present to the Court for approval in June. The people of the vicinity, it is said, were very hard to please in the matter of where the lines should run, some wanting the limits one place and others desiring a different location.—*Johnstown Democrat.*

—Mr. Carney, who had considerable experience here after the flood with his dynamite explosions at the stone bridge, with four assistants on Tuesday were operating in the river between the Ten-Acre and Coopersdale. Five railroad cars, a large lot wire, and a great lot of obstructions in the river were removed. The cars were blown to pieces, and great quantities of debris floated down the river. We have not learned under whose direction or orders these men are working.—*Johnstown Democrat.*

—The man who wipes his nose on his sleeve, picks his teeth with a fork, squirts tobacco juice on the cookstove hearth, rides to mill with corn in one end of the sack and a stone in the other, drives with hickory lines, deposits his money in his last winter's sock, insists on paying his taxes with coon skins and wild honey, fastens his one gallus with a wooden peg and wears "possum belly" pants, is the same old rooster who has no use for the home paper, and his brother is the fellow who tries to do business in town without a line of advertising.

—On Saturday last a horse belonging to Mr. Joseph Noel, of Cambria township, was hitched to a buggy and driven into town by his son, Thomas. While stopping near McBreen's restaurant on Centre street, the horse became frightened, got away from the boy, and started up the street on a run. When near P. F. Brown's livery stable the horse ran into a wagon standing there, upsetting the buggy and wrecking is badly, also breaking the tongue of the wagon. The horse continued on his mad career up Centre to Crawford street where he was captured. The horse escaped without injury and no person was hurt, but the buggy was a complete wreck.

—Capitalists owning a large tract of land near Greensburg, on which there is gas in unlimited quantities, are making a great effort to get the ten flint glass factories in Martin's Ferry, Bridgeport, Bellaire and Wheeling to move to their land near Greensburg. The said capitalists offer to not only furnish natural gas free for five years, but will donate ground and erect the buildings, costing not less than $250 000, all free of cost, if the ten factories will combine and locate at the above place as one works and under one management. This gigantic plant would employ over 3,000 hands, whose wages would range from 60 cents to $7 per day, which mean about $10,000 in wages every day. There is a scarcity of gas thereabouts and it is highly probable that the proposition will be accepted.

—About 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning two little boys who were playing on the road a short distance above East Conemaugh, found the dead body of Abram Good, lying with his face in a little stream close to the roadside. Mr. Good, was a resident of Iowa, where he had lived for the past twenty-three years, but was a native of Cambria county, and was raised on a farm near where he died. About a month ago he came back to visit relatives in West Taylor township, and since then has been visiting his friends and old neighbors. Mr. Good, was about seventy years of age, and it is supposed that his death resulted from a paralytic stroke while he was walking along the road.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad has recently purchased a machine for grading tracks. It is mounted on wheels and furnishes its own motive power. It is furnished with an enormous plough, which moves ahead and loosens the earth and rocks to be excavated; this is followed up by a scoop, which is mounted on a boom; this scoops and picks up the earth or rocks and puts the load on the car. It is claimed it can load a 60,000 pound car in thirty minutes. Two of these valuable machines are in use on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania, one at a point a short distance below Mapleton, where dirt is being taken from an embankment and hauled to this place for grading the tracks along the river. The machine is run on a temporary track that is built close to the bank to be excavated. It is said to do the work of fifty men.—*Huntingdon News.*

—Mr. William D. Pryce, an old citizen of Cambria township, was taken suddenly ill on Wednesday with cholera morbus and despite all that medical aid, which was promptly summoned, could do, continued to grow worse until this (Thursday) morning when death ended its sufferings. The deceased was one of the oldest residents of the neighborhood, having been born on the farm on which he resided at the time of his death, and having lived there all his life. He was a man of robust constitution, in the 76th year of his age, and prior to his illness, bid fair to live many years. He leaves to survive him an aged widow who has been his life partner for fifty years, three sons, David, Howard and Addie, and two daughters, Lizzie, who is married and resides at East Liberty, and Maggie, wife of Mr D. H. Zahm, of this place. As we go to press we have not learned of the time of burial.

—Sergeant Dunn, of the signal service, predicts a cool summer, and bases his prediction on the average temperature for the year, which has generally remained about 50 degrees. The year 1875 was the coldest recorded since the establishment of the weather bureau, the average temperature falling to 48.6 degrees. Last year was the warmest, the average temperature reaching 53 degrees. This year up to date has gained 288 degrees over last year, showing that the average temperature has been 2½ degrees higher than for the same time in 1889. To equalize the temperature and keep the average as low as last year we must have cooler weather for the remainder of the year. Such a calculation is not without value, and Sergeant Dunn's prediction of a cool summer will be rembered with interest if it proves correct, as it will demonstrate the value of the weather bureau in an important particular.

—J. Wilkinson & Son, marble and granite dealers of Ebensburg, Pa., wish to inform the public that they are prepared to fill all orders for cemetery work, in either marble or granite, at figures that defy competition. The artistic excellence and superior workmanship of their designs are evidenced by the many specimens now on exhibition at their establishment and by the numberless designs which they have erected in the various cemeteries in this county and elsewhere. Every department of their business is in the hands of skillful and competent workmen, who are capable of executing any piece of work, from the plainest to the most elaborate, which together with the personal supervision that every job receives is a guarantee that perfect satisfaction will be given to the most exacting of patrons. They have ordered forty tons of marble which will arrive in March and April, and they will then have as fine a stock of the best marble that ever came to Western Pennsylvania. Persons wishing anything in their line would do well to give them a call before leaving their order with any other manufacturer, as you can depend upon getting a good job at a fair price.

### Their Fourteenth Birthday.

This week A. O. Yates & Co. celebrate the Fourteenth Anniversary of the establishment of their prosperous business in the Ledger Building, Sixth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia. As is customary on these occasions the Ledger Building is gaily decorated, and the firm receives its friends and visitors with a royal welcome.

Strolling through the spacious building, one sees five floors filled with clothing for Men, Boys and Children: and gets an idea of the immense business done by this popular house. An entire floor of the Ledger Building is required for the Boys' and Childrens' Department, which is the largestand most complete in Philadelphia.

The great and thriving business of this firm is the result of offering its customers reliable clothing at the lowest prices. All the clothing they sell is manufactured in their own workshops, and wherever the name of A. C. Yates & Co. is known, it stands for good, honest clothing.

This season they display a superb assortment for Men, Boys and Children, and one marvels at the cheapness of such neat, stylish clothing.

### The Census of Mortgages and Judgments.

The Supervisor of Census for this district, Hon. George W. Hood, of Indiana, Pa., has made a very excellent appointment in at least one instance in this county. It was the appointment of J. A. Berkey, of Somerset, as statistician of all mortgages and judgments on record in the several counties in the census district. Mr Berkly has one hundred days in which to complete his work and is already at it in the Prothonotary's and Register and Recorders office in this county. From here he will go to each of the other counties in the Eighth District. He is paid three dollars a day and all his traveling and necessary expenses.—*Somerset Democrat.*

### MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the week ending Wednesday, April 30, 1890:

Frederick John Deerbeck, Brownstown and Margaret Shrom, Johnstown.
Charles Leventry, Stonycreek township and Julia Von Luenon, Johnstown.
Thomas D. White and Sarah E. Grubb, Johnstown.
Samuel B. Goughnour and Laura M. Croyle, Johnstown.
John Glatt and Mary Hartles, Johnstown.

### Perhaps

no local disease has puzzled and baffled the medical profession more than nasal catarrh. While not immediately fatal it is among the most distressing and disgusting ills the flesh is heir to, and the records show very few or no cases of radical cure of chronic catarrh by any of the multitude of modes of treatment until the introduction of Ely's Cream Balm a few years ago. The success of this preparation has been most gratifying and surprising.

### Communicated.

CARROLLTOWN, PA., April 29, 1890.

*Editor Cambria Freeman.*

DEAR SIR:—According to agreement in your paper week before last I shall not answer an editor (so called) who possesses neither conscience, justice or a spark of common sense, politically, socially or individually.

Truly Yours,
T. SCOTT WILLIAMS.

### Buckten's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Clapped Hands, Chilblains Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. Sold at the drug store of E. James, Ebensburg, and W. W. McAteer, Loretto.

### Tradegy in Altoona.

On last Friday morning a shocking tragedy occurred at No. 1339 Second avenue, Altoona, where Daniel Reittman with his wife and step-children resided. About a year ago Reittman, who had been employed by Mrs. Haid, widow of Charles Haid, deceased, who, at the time of his death, owned the Union Brewery of that city, married the widow. He was a brewer by occupation and had been in her employ a couple of years before the marriage. The union was not a happy one and domestic differences frequently marred the peace of the family. Haid frequently threatening to do the wife and children harm. About midnight on Thursday Mrs. Reittman says her husband came home and entering their sleeping apartment, addressed her, saying: "You have only half an hour to live," at the same time drawing his revolver. He began firing immediately. Mrs. Reittman was in bed, but sprang up and ran to the door, which fortunately was open. As she ran he fired. The terror-stricken woman ran into the room of her daughter Marv, which is on the same floor, and it is supposed that Reittman thought he had killed her. At all events he turned the revolver on himself and shot himself in the left temple, the bullet entering his head about half an inch above and to the right of the ear. Frank Haid, son of the wounded woman, ran out of the house and gave the alarm and a number of people soon congregated. Reittman was found to be dead, and Mrs. Reittman wounded in two places. An examination of the wounds showed that one of the bullets had entered the under part of the arm, between the shoulder and elbow, and come out near the bend of the arm at the elbow. The second ball entered her body at the seventh rib, the collision with the bone causing the bullet to turn and it circled around the body to just above the naval where it lodged, and from where it was taken by Dr. Arney, by whom the wounds were probed. The wounds are not necessarily fatal unless blood poisoning should set in. Reittman was about 35 years of age and came to Altoona from Cleveland, Ohio, about three years ago.

### Communicated.

EBENSBURG, PA., April 29, 1890.

*Editor Cambria Freeman.*

DEAR SIR:—At the last meeting of the borough council a proposition was discussed and held over until the next meeting, that the borough lay by each year the amount collected and paid in on account of the water works, over and above the amount necessary for maintaining the works, for the purpose of raising a fund for increasing the water supply at some future time. As the water works have never yet been paid for, would it not be better policy for the "borough fathers" to pay off the bonds now drawing interest instead of having a thousand dollars a year standing idle in the hands of the treasurer? The borough, with its debt paid off, would certainly have as good credit to borrow money in the future when increased water supply would be needed as it has now, and the idle money in the treasury would benefit none but some special pet who would have the use of it. The borough is said to have some idle money now that the late treasurer failed to ever get into his hands, and to pile up $1,000 a year additional into the same place is not good financiering. To use the money as fast as possible for paying off the bonds and stop paying interest would be the way a business man would follow and it would be good policy on the part of the borough authorities to do likewise. There is now a considerable sum of borough funds that during the late borough treasurer's term never reached his hands, that some one is having the use of, and to add $1,000 more each year will be piling it on too thick.

AJAX.

### Ladies! Ladies!

Occident Foam is a preparation lately discovered by one of the most renowned chemists of the day and is now being manufactured and placed on the market. As a complexion beautifier it has no superior; giving the most satisfactory results and containing nothing poisonous or deleterious that will leave the skin in a worse condition than when applied, but contains ingredients that will, if properly applied, improve the harshest skin, toning it down to the fine texture so much admired in a woman. Give "Occident Foam" a trial and you will use no other. Sent by mail on receipt of 60 cents. Address

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### Consumption Surely Cured.

To THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above-named disease. By the timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. address. Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 181 Pearl St., N. Y.

## Orphans' Court Sale

OF VALUABLE

# REAL ESTATE

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Cambria county, to me directed, I will expose to sale at public vendue or outcry, on the premises in the borough of South Fork, in Cambria county, Pa., on

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH, 1890,

at 2 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate, late the property of Patrick Cogan, deceased, viz:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of ground situate in the borough of South Fork, County of Cambria, and State of Pennsylvania, described as follows: Beginning at a point in the line of J. C. Stineman, thence north 56 degrees west 16 feet; thence north 27 degrees west 35 feet; thence north 66 degrees east 132 feet; thence south 27 degrees east 25 feet; thence south 64 degrees west 123 feet to place of beginning, containing one town lot; and having thereon erected a small

# Frame - House.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale; the balance of one-third at the confirmation of sale; one-third in six months, and the balance in twelve months from the confirmation of the sale. Deferred payments to bear interest and to be secured by the judgment bond and mortgage of the purchaser. Executor of Patrick Cogan, deceased.

South Fork, Pa., April 30th, 1890. ma2-3t

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF PETER B. MOYERS, DECEASED.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Peter B. Moyer, late of Washington township, Cambria county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment to us without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them, properly authenticated, for settlement to us.

F. M. GEORGE,
SIMON CONRAD,

Executors of the last will and Testament of Peter B. Moyers deceased. Apr6 6t


PILES SYMPTOMS—Moisture, intense itching and stinging; most at night. Worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form and protrude, bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. SWAYNE'S OINTMENT stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. Also a treatment and a positive cure for all other forms of piles, of no matter how long standing. Sold by druggists, or sent by mail for 50 cts. 3 Boxes $1.25. Address, Dr. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Ask your druggist for it.

PITCHING PILES.

SKIN DISEASES SWAYNE'S OINTMENT
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The simple application of "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" relieves any itching, inflamed skin. It will cure any case of Tetter, Salt Rheum, Ringworm, Piles, Itch, Sores, Pimples, Scrofula, &c., no matter how obstinate or long standing. Sold by druggists, or sent by mail for 50 cts. 3 Boxes $1.25. Address, Dr. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Ask your druggist for it.


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and all disorders of the liver, and has cured hundreds of people and is the only remedy for these diseases, and in cases in which the most skillful physicians have utterly failed. Testimonials from hundreds of people living in Blair county, Pennsylvania. It is manufactured by D. T. Kettrig, Williamsburg, Pa., for the P. T. L. R. Co., and for sale by all druggists at 50 cents per bottle.

None genuine except label shows the Indian arrow-head trade mark.

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BICYCLES

at all prices, from $35.00 to $125.00. Tricycles and Tandems, Lamps, Bells and Sundries. Send for large Illustrated Catalogue to J. A. Johnston, 705 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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To reliable men we will give steady employment and LIBERAL SALARY, paying their traveling expenses. We grow our own stock exclusively and GUARANTEE it to be strictly first class in every particular, true to name as ordered. Full instructions furnished. Experience unnecessary. Apply at once, stating age. Address E. C. PIERSON & CO., Maple Grove Nurseries, Waterloo, N. Y. (Established over 20 yrs.) ma2-3mNR


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Absolutely Pure.

The powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of the low test short weight, alum or phosphate powder. *Sold only in cans.* ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall St., New York.


## Pianos-Organs.

The improved method of fastening strings of Pianos, invented by us, is one of the most important improvements ever made, making the instrument more richly musical in tone, more durable, and less liable to get out of tune.

Both the Mason & Hamlin Organs and Pianos excel chiefly in that which is the chief excellence in any musical instrument, quality of tone. Other things, though important are much less so than this. An instrument with unmusical tones cannot be good. Illustrated catalogues of new styles, introduced this season, sent free.

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BOSTON. NEW YORK. CHICAGO.
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OF VALUABLE

# REAL ESTATE

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Cambria county, I will offer at public sale on the premises in the borough of Hastings, on

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH, 1890,

at 2 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot of ground fronting fifty feet on Third Avenue and one hundred and fifty feet on Beaver Street, having thereon erected a

## Two-Story Frame House

*AND OUTBUILDINGS.*

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of bid on day of sale; balance of one-half on confirmation of sale, and balance in one year thereafter with interest, to be secured by judgment bond and mortgage.

ANTHONY ANNA,
Apr. 25-3t. Administrator of J. H. Wolf, dec'd.

## Election Notice.

*To the School Directors of Cambria County:*

GENTLEMEN.—In pursuance of the forty-third section of the Act of May 8, 1854, you are hereby notified to meet in convention at the Court House, in Ebensburg, at 1 P. M. on the FIRST TUESDAY in MAY, A. D. 1890, being the sixth day of the month and select, viva voce, by a majority of the whole number of Directors present, one person of literary and scientific acquirements, and of skill and experience in the art or teaching, as County Superintendent, for the three succeeding years; and certify the result to the State Superintendent, at Harrisburg, as required by the thirty-ninth and fortieth sections of said act.

J. W. LEECH,
County Superintendent of Cambria County.
Ebensburg, Pa., April 14, 1890.-3t.

NOTICE.—TO THE HEIRS AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THOMAS DUNCAN, DEC'D.

Take Notice. That an inquest will be held at the late residence of Thomas Duncan, deceased, in the township of Blacklick, in the County of Cambria, on **Tuesday, the 20th day of May next**, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and in the city of Altoona, County of Blair on the premises, corner Thirteenth Street and Seventh Avenue, on **Wednesday, the 21st day of May** next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said decedent to and among his heirs and legal representatives, if the same can be done without prejudice to or spoiling of the whole; otherwise, value and appraise the same according to law, at which time and place you are requested to attend if you think proper.

J. C. STINEMAN, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Ebensburg, Pa., April 25, 1890.-3t

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that having been appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county, Commissioner to take testimony and report decree in the case of Mary Linn vs. Carl Linn, No. 159 December Term, 1889. I will sit at my office, corner of Franklin and Stonycreek streets, in the city of Johnstown, County of Cambria, on FRIDAY, the NINTH day of MAY, A. D. 1890, at TEN o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of attending to the duties of my said appointment, when and where all persons interested may attend.

HORACE R. ROSE,
Commissioner.
Johnstown, Pa., April 12, 1890.-3t.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Michael Hoffman of Allegheny township, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, has made an assignment of all his property, real and personal and intend to me in trust for the benefit of his creditors. All persons indebted to said Michael Hoffman are therefore notified to make payment to me without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement to me.

W. R. LITTLE.
Assignee of Michael Hoffman.
Loretto, Pa., April 14, 1890.-6t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—

ESTATE OF HENRY WILLEBRAND, DEC'D.

The undersigned, having been appointed auditor to ascertain liens against the heirs of decedent, and also to decide on exceptions filed to the first and final account of Florence Willebrand, Adm'nistratrix, of decedent, and make distribution of the fund in his hands, hereby give notice that he will sit at his office in Ebensburg, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1890, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of attending to the duties of his appointment when and where all parties interested may attend

A. V. BARKER,
Ebensburg, April 16, 1890.-3t. Auditor.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF GEPHART BENDER, DEC'D.

Letters of administration on the estate of Gephart Bender, late of Lilly Borough, Cambria county, Penna., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment to me without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

MARY BENDER,
Administratrix of Gephart Bender, dec'd.
Lilly, Pa., April 10, 1890.-6t.


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Office on Centre street, near High.

## Political Announcements.

*Cards in this column will be inserted from now until the primary elections, on the 7th of June, next, at the following rates: For Assembly $5.00; For Treasurer, $5.00; For Commissioner, $5.00; For Auditor, $2.00. All cards must be accompanied by the cash.*

FOR MASSEMBLY.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries.

JOHN E. McKENZIE.
Chest Springs, April 1, 1890.

ASSEMBLY.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of Member of the Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

Gallitzin, March 1, 1890. M. FITZHARRIS.

FOR ASSEMBLY.—Ed. T. McNeelis of Johnstown, Pa., subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

Johnstown, Feb. 22, 1890.

FOR ASSEMBLY.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries.

JACOB ZIMMERMAN.
Johnstown, Feb. 25, 1890.

LEGISLATURE.—I will be a candidate for the nomination of Assembly at the Democratic primaries on June 7th, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

JOHN E. STRAYER.
West Taylor township, February 26, 1890.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

CHARLES HOFMANN.
Johnstown, March 24, 1890.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party.

PHILIP J. SANDERS,
Munster township, Feb. 27, 1889.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer at the next Democratic primary election, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

HENRY J. HOPPEL.
Barr township, Feb. 10, 1890.

COUNTY TREASURER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party.

C. J. MAYER.
Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 12, 1890.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries.

PATRICK O'DOWD.
Tunnelhill, April 2, 1890.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

JOHN CAMPBELL.
Johnstown, March 17, 1890.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

JOHN KIRBY.
Johnstown, March 10, 1890.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

W. A. LANTZY.
Upper Yoder township, March 3, 1890.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

JOHN BEARER.
Susquehanna township, Feb. 24, 1890.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

PATRICK E. DILLON.
Elder township, Feb. 22, 1890.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

WILLIAM J. TIERNEY.
Cambria township, Feb. 18, 1890.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Auditor, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

JOSEPH HIPPS.
Chest township, March 17, 1890.

NOTICE.—All persons are hereby notified that I have purchased the property of John A. Burgoon, real and personal. All persons are hereby notified not to meddle or interfere with the same.

MRS. KATHERINE BURGOON.
Ashville, Pa., March 3, 1890.


# GUS. SIMON'S

## WEEKLY CARD OF REASON.

Well, we are just back from New York with an immense Stock of Goods of all kinds purchased for Spot Cash.

☞ Fifty per cent. saved by dealing with us. MUSLINS—One hundred pieces of Bleached Muslin at 6 cents per yard; Eighty pieces of Unbleached Muslin, extra heavy, at 5 cents per yard. HOUSEKEEPING LINENS—One hundred and thirty-eight pieces at 5 cents per yard; one hundred Linen Towels at 18 cents per pair; twenty-five pieces of A-1 Table Linen at 25 cents per yard; fifty pieces of full English Nainsooks at 10 cents per yard. Spotted and figured Muslin at 6 cents per yard. Swiss Muslin, 32 inches wide, at 10 cents per yard. Marseilles Crochets and Honeycomb Quilts, at 55, 65, 75 and 85 cents, and $1.00.

### DRESS COODS DEPARTMENT.

Silk Warp Henriettas, 36 inches wide, all colors, at 50 cents a yard and upwards. All wool French Cashmeres, 38 inches wide, at 48 cents a yard and upwards. English Mohair Brilliantine, 36 inches wide, at 35 cents and upwards. French Challies, large variety, at 6 cents and upwards. Fifty pieces of Shepherd's Plaid Dress Goods, at 15 cents per yard and upwards. French Satines at 12½ cents per yard. One hundred dozen Ladies' Under Vests, silk finish, all colors, at 29 cent s each. Fifty dozen Ladies' Nightgowns, Chemises and Drawers, guaranteed good Muslin, nicely trimmed and well made, at 25 cents each and per pair and upwards. Try our Tailor fitting Corset at 50 and 75 cents, $1.00 and $1.25. Our Shoe Department is flowing over with the best Bargains ever offered to the public anywhere.

One hundred dozen Children's Kid Shoes, sizes from 1 to 5, at 22 cents per pair. Fifty-four dozen Men's Good working Shoes, sizes from 6 to 12, at 98 cents per pair. Fifty dozen of Boys' working Shoes, sizes 1 to 5, at 75 cents per pair. Sixty dozen Ladies' Shoes, all button or lace, at 98 cents per pair. Ladies' Kid Shoes, Opera Toe or Common Sense, at $1.48 a pair and upwards. Twenty-four dozen Ladies' French Kid, lace, button or congress, at $2.48. We will guarantee and replace every pair if not just as represented. Ladies' new style Scalloped Button Boot, $2.20 in French Kid. Did you see our Ladies' French Kid Spring Heel Shoes, sizes 1 to 6, at $2.50 a pair? Six hundred pair of Men's Shoes, lace, button or congress, at $1.34 per pair.

### A SPECIAL BARCAIN.

☞ We offer for one week only—remember one week—one hundred and forty-six pairs of fine French Calf Shoes, seamless, we will sell at $1.74 a pair, well worth $2.75. We also carry a full line of Rostic Slippers for Men, Ladies and Children.

### OUR CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Listen to what we say regarding it: Three hundred Suits for Children ranging in age from 4 to 14 years, at $1.24 a suit. Six hundred Suits

### Two Womanly Women.

One was perhaps 25, the other a little younger. They were pretty, and were stylishly dressed. A carriage stood at the Fourteenth street entrance of Willard's Hotel awaiting their pleasure. It could not be supposed that they were in very distressful financial straits.

They sat at a table in the reception room of Willard's devising, concocting, and instituting a telegraphic message to send to some friend. The elder one did the writing, and scratching, and rewriting, which used up six or seven Western Union blanks. The younger one scanned closely over the scrivener and furnished suggestions at just the right time to make the scrivener tear up blanks.

"We will be there to-morrow."

That was what they wanted to say. That was what they did say in the very first number.

"But," said the younger, "if we say we are coming home we shall both have to sign it."

"Carrie and I will be there to-morrow"

That was the result of much mental effort in composing and much physical exertion in erasing.

"I guess that will do," said the younger, and the two seemed to breathe with that freedom which tells of great responsibilities unshouldered.

"Hold on," said the elder, at the door.

"What ?" asked the other.

"'Carrie and I will be there to-morrow.' One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, only seven words."

"Well ?"

"Why, we have to pay as much for seven words as we do for ten."

Here was more difficulty. It would never do to pay for ten words and send only seven. That would be a reckless and a wicked waste. They proposed many ways to lengthen it but each time they talked off a new message on their fingers they found that they had either too few or too many words.

"Pshaw !" exclaimed the younger one ; "why didn't I think of it before ? I have it."

"Have you ? What ?"

"Why, of course. Leave it just as it is and add, 'Yours very 'truly.' "

If the young lady had had an inspiration she could not have looked prouder of it ; and as for the older one, she simply looked on the sweet face before her as that of a wonderful being.

"Carrie and I will be there to-morrow. Yours, very truly," was the message that went through some operator's hands yesterday afternoon.

### The Mouth of a Snail.

The mouth of a snail is armed with a very formidable instrument in the shape of a remarkable saw-like tongue. Probably you have, at some time or another, noticed how cleanly cut are the edges of a leaf upon which a snail has been regaling himself. It is difficult to imagine how such a soft and flabby-looking animal can have such clean incisions. But with an examination of the cutting instrument concealed in his mouth wonder on the score vanishes. It resembles a long, narrow ribbon coiled in such a manner that only a small portion of it is called into use at once. Thickly distributed over the entire surface of this ribbon are an immense number of excessively sharp little teeth, designed in a manner which admirably adapts them to the purpose for which they were intended. The quantity of these teeth is incredible—one species, for instance, has been indisputably proved to possess as many as 30,000 of them. The reason for their disposition on a coiled, ribbon-like surface lies, is the fact that by use they become worn away. As this happens the ribbon is uncoiled, and the teeth which before were wrapped up in it, at the back of the snail's mouth, come forward to take the place of those which have served their turn. The upper part of the mouth consists of a horny surface against which the sharp-tongued mouth work. A leaf which is to be operated upon is caught between the two and subjected to a regular file-like rasping on on the part of the tongue. So effective an instrument does this form that the tough leaves of the lily may often be found to be entirely rasped off by it.

### Components of Wheat.

The yield of a single grain of wheat is never less than forty fold under favorable conditions, and when sown thin it should be much greater. Every pound of wheat should produce a bushel in all sections where wheat is successfully raised. In rainy sections the portion of starch in the grain increases 3 or 4 per cent., while the gluten decreases in a similar proportion, compared with dry regions like Colorado. The three superficial coverings of wheat constitute the bran, while the next three layers are composed of gluten, the most valuable part of the grain. It comprises 10 to 16½ per cent. of the grain, and the more gluton there is in the wheat, the better its quality. The middle of the wheat grain is mostly starch, comprising about 66 per cent. of its bulk. The starch grains are built up into colums of irregular cells, each one of which is enveloped in a coating of woody fibre that materially interferes in the milling. The dark germ and the brush on the end are scoured off in milling, because they make the flour dark-colored.

### True Indeed.

"I tell you what it is, Mehitable," he said, as he handed her half a dozen peanuts out of the bag from which he had been munching during the first act, "when a man is a hog he will show himself a hog."

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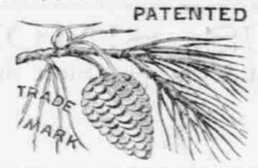


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### A Substitute for Felt.

Many of the cheap derby hats that will be worn this season will be made of a new material of which the hatters have just got hold. The stuff is called linters. It is the short cotton left on the seed after the cotton has been ginned by the cotton raiser. He sells the cotton to the merchant, and the seed to a mill that makes cottonseed-oil. The miller puts the seed through a gin, especially made to clean short cotton from the seed. In an oil mill of small capacity several bales of cotton are ginned from the seed in this way. The fibre is broken and very short, and up to a few months ago the mills sold it to stuff bedding with. Its price was about half that of average cotton. The colored people in the South were the buyers generally, but occasionally the mills would get a good, big order from concerns that made pillows and mats tresses. Suddenly somebody found out that it could be made to imitate felt for cheap hats. The experiment then of making hats of linters was made on a large scale by a New York factory, and the hats were sold to retailers for introduction very cheaply. The test showed that the hats stood wear, and the oil mills were at once called on by the manufacturers to make contracts for all the linters they could get off the cottonseed. Now linters has gone away up in price, and is only a few cents a pound cheaper than cotton. The discovery is likely to have a lowering effect upon the kind of derbies which have sold for $3, and in fact some merchants are already using the linters derbies as "leaders" for their other goods, selling them at half the cost of the felt hat.

### Little Birds at Sea.

Every day birds are seen playing around the ship, and skimming up and down the wave hollows. They are lovely little terns and sea swallows, the latter no bigger than thrushes. These fearless people of the air have not by any means followed the ship from the land, living as gulls often will, on the waste thrown from the vessel. They are vague and casual roamers of the ocean, who, spying the great steamship from afar, sail close up to see if is a rock or an island, and then skim away again on their own free and boundless business.

Yonder tiny bird, with purple and green plumage, his little breast and neck laced with silver, is distant 1,000 miles at this moment from a drop of of fresh water, and yet cares no more for that fact than did the Irish squire who "lived twelve miles from a lemon." If his wings ever grow weary it is but to settle quietly on the bosom of great billow and suffer it for a time to rock and roll him amid the hissing spindrift, the milky flying foam and sealace which forms and gleams and disappears again upon the dark slopes. When he pleases, a stroke of the small red foot and a beat of the wonderful wing launch him off from the jagged edge of his billow, and he flits past at the rate of one hundred knots an hour, laughing steam and canvas to scorn, and steering for some nameless crag in Labrador or Fundy, or bound, it may be, homeward for some island or marsh of the far-away Irish coast.

### Planting an Orchard.

Although not claiming to be an experienced orchardist, I have observed, says a writer in Popular Gardening, some things that I think would be of value to me if I should plant an orchard. In the first place, I should put the trees into plowed ground. I should keep the ground plowed several years, till the trees came into bearing, cropping it all the while lightly, but putting in each year more plant nourishment than I take out, thus laying in a reserve fund for the support of the trees in years to come. Then I would lay it down to grass, but keep the grass from growing for several feet around each tree by mulching quite heavily each year after haying, with leaf mold, compost, etc. In the meantime I would keep the ground well up with liberal top dressings. Thus managed I do not see the necessity of plowing much if any in the orchard, after it has come to maturity, and it is certainly not convenient to do so among low trees as I believe in, and thus managed, we shall find that no crop comes easier into our hands than the apple crop. An orchard where both the land and the trees give a good showing, even though the apples bring but one dollar per barrel, pays a per cent. on the capital invested that any merchant would be proud of in his business. What way is there to earn a dollar any quicker or easier in horticulture than to pick a barrel of apples from a low tree ?

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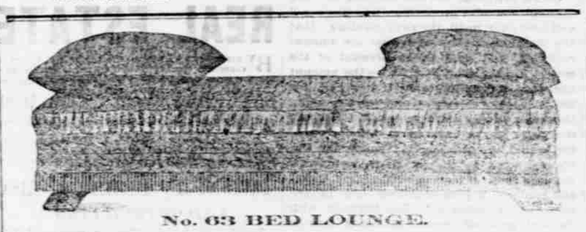

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### The Masses in India.

The Indian peasantry has changed in no characteristic features from what it was in the early periods of the Aryan age. In those days the tillage of the soil went on in the presence of contending armies. It was understood that the cultivators were not to be molested by either party, and thus they were at liberty to cultivate relations of benevolent neutrality, that is, of indifference with regard to both. Nowhere in their history is it recorded that they ever spontaneously took up sword and buckler in defense of their immediate lord, or more distant overlord. They could fight when forced to do so, but it had to be in a cause that concerned themselves, without reference to any quarrel that might be going on between their own chief and those of any outsider. In what respect have they changed since those remote times ? So long as they are not harassed or plundered in the cultivation of their Liliputian farms, they little care as to the form of government under which they lead their laborious existence. The salt duty affect them very slightly. If the price of that universal condiment be low, they may indulge in its use a little more freely ; if it be high, they deny themselves, or pay their money with grumbling. It is simply a bazaar commodity, and is liable to fluctuations like any other form of seasoning. They buy it from day to day with the other materials of their simple meal, and scarcely know if the pinch they receive be a little greater or a little less than usual. They do not trouble themselves to inquire into the causes of the variation of its amount. Cheap salt means health for their children and cattle, and a larger preservation of fish, but they never pause to ask if it would be more plentiful under Home Rule.

### Queer Things That We Do.

Lien Sang, of Hong Kong, is a Chinese gentleman of 50 years, a retired merchant, and is making a visit to this country. He said through an interpreter that America is a very funny country, because here we do things exactly opposite to the best form in civilized China. We shake hands with each other ; the Chinaman shakes hands with himself. We uncover the head as a mark of respect ; the Chinese gallants not only keep their hats on, but when wishing to be very polite remove their shoes. We shave our faces ; they their heads and eyebrows. We cut our finger nails ; they consider it aristocratic to let them grow from five inches to a foot. The Chinaman whitens his shoes, buries his dead on the surface of the earth, and demands that his wine be scalding hot when served. With us black clothing is a sign of mourning ; in China white garments indicate the loss of friends. In the Celestial Empire, not children, but old men fly kites, walk on stilts, play marbles, shoot firecrackers, and, in doing this, use their feet as much as possible instead of the hands. In China the men are milliners, "washerwomen," and dressmakers. We live, cook, and eat usually on the first floor, sleeping up stairs ; but the Chinaman reverses this order. In dating letters we write the year last ; they place it first. In speaking of the compass they always say it points South. We pay our doctors when we are ill ; they pay as long as they remain well, but as soon as they get sick the pay stops. Here men kill their enemies. A Chimaman gets revenge by killing himself. They launch ships sideways, ring bells from the outside, and turn screws from right to left. Mr. Sang mournfully observed: "America may be a great country, but it is truly the queerest of places."

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### Queer Animals.

It is a strange fact in regard to New Zealand that the country is almost entirely lacking in indigenous animals. The only mammals it possessed, before the arrival of Captain Cook in 1769, were the kiore—a little, dark brown rat—and two very small bats. The kiore is now a rare and very shy animal, but there are times when it makes its appearance in vast numbers, coming nobody knows whence, and going nobody knows whither.

Three or four years ago such a visitation of rats occurred on the west coast of one of the islands; a great swarm of these little creatures traveled along the shore, for a distance of one hundred and fifty miles, all going one way, and moving as fast as they could. Many of them died of hunger by the way, and they were all exposed to terrible attacks from a rat larger and stronger than themselves.

After passing, in a ceaseless procession, along the shore for many months, the rats vanished as suddenly as they had appeared, and to this day no one has been able to offer even a plausible theory in regard to their migration.

Another New Zealand animal which is somewhat peculiar in its habits is the tuarara, a lizard which grows from six inches to a foot in length.

This creature is the very embodiment of a negative existance. It is usually found clinging motionless to a rock, perfectly regardless of driving spray or blinding sun. It wants neither food nor drink, but is perfectly contentto be kept in a glass case for months or even years, and is very slightly affected by the want or art.

It makes no noise, and moves as seldom and so slowly that many persons have watched those confined in a glass case for a long period, and then left them, under the impression that the creatures were only stuffed specimens after all. Yet the solemn blinking of the golden eyes, and the slow palpitation of their leathery sides, bear slight witness to their sluggish vitality.

### The Manufacture of Pins.

There are few pieces of machinery more wonderful in their operation than the machine used in making pins. The machine reminds one of a sewing machine, only stronger and more compactly put together. On the back there is a wheel kept turning by a belt from the ceiling, the same belt driving many of the little automatons ranged in rows on the floor. On one side of each of these machines, hanging on a peg, there is a reel of fine wire which is straightened by being run through many sets of wheels and rollers. This wire enters the machine, which bites off inch by inch at the rate of 100 per minute. Just as the gripper seizes each bit a tiny hammer with a concave face to the end of the wire three times and "upsets" it to a head while a gripper holds it in a counter-sunk hole between its teeth. With an outward thrust of its "tongue" it then lays the pin sideways in a little grove across the rim of a small wheel, which slowly revolves just underneath. The external pressure of a hoop-like attachment rolls each pin to its place and carries them under a series of small files, three in each. These files grow finer toward the end of each series. Each pin lies slightly inclined, and the files, by a system of cams, leavers and springs, are made to play on the points with lightning-like rapidity. Thus they are pointed and continually showered into a drawer below.

Twenty to thirty pounds of pins is a day's work for one of these little jointed automatons. The polishing machine is equally as human in its work as the pin machine proper ; every imperfect or crooked pin is rejected, the slightest irregularity being instantly detected. After polishing they go to the machine which puts them in papers, a machine that is a wonder in itself.

### English Houses of Iron.

Portable houses of iron are now being manufactured in England. They are made of thin sheets of corrugated iron, put together like a child's puzzle and can be taken apart, compactly packed and removed elsewhere. The spaces between the outer iron walls and inner walls of felt and pine wood aid in keeping the houses cool in summer and warm in winter. This new feature in building will, it is claimed, make it easy to add a room to the ordinary brick dwelling house where such accommodations is needed. Being thus movable, it is the property of the tenant, so that the objection felt by many people against building for the ultimate benefit of one's landlord does not hold good in such a case. Stabling and coach houses can in the same way be temporarily erected. As a playroom or school room for children a detached iron building communicating with the house by a covered way would frequently prove a boon to the busy working father of the family ; and in times of illness it would be possible by this means, to isolate a patient completely from the other members of the family. As these iron houses are not particularly pretty, an English paper suggests thatching the roof with heather and covering the walls with trellis work.

### Invention of Postage Stamps.

The postage stamp will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this year. The invention is due to printer James Chalmers, of Dundee, who died in 1853, and who finally, with his system, the adhesive postage stamp, conquered the whole civilized world. England, some years ago, introduced the postage stamp, and according to a decree of December 21, 1839, issued the first stamps for public use on May 6, 1840. A year later they were introduced in the United States of North America and Switzerland, and again, a few years later, in Bavaria, Belgium and France. One of the most important and valuable collections of postage stamps is in the German Imperial Postoffice Museum, which contains over 10,000 postage stamps and other postal delivery devices.